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SUBJ: GAS PIPELINE TO EUROPE

1. DAVID HOUSEGO, FINANCIAL TIMES CORRESPONDENT, INFORMED US THAT IN RECENT CONVERSATION, PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA DIVULGED INFORMATION THAT IRAN, USSR AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES (WHETHER PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OR WEST GERMANY UNKNOWN) WOULD BE MEETING IN MOSCOW IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A GAS PIPELINE FROM IRAN THROUGH THE SOVIET UNION TO EUROPE. HOUSEGO ATTEMPTED TO VERIFY WITH MOSSADEGHI OF NIOC AND THE GERMAN EMBASSY. MOSSADEGHI SAID THAT HE WASN'T SURE THE GERMANS WOULD BE PRESENT BUT THE IRANIANS AND RUSSIANS WOULD CERTAINLY BE DISCUSSING THE PROJECT.

2. MOSSADEGHI INDICATED THAT THE GAS TO BE USED WOULD COME FROM THE SAME GENERAL FORMATION OFF BUSHEHR THAT IS TO FUEL THE KALINGAS LNG PLANT. MOSSADEGHI BELIEVES THIS TO BE A TREMENDOUSLY LARGE RESERVOIR. (COMMENT: KALINGAS IS STILL PROVING THE DIMENSIONS OF THE RESERVOIR BUT THEY TOO ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFIDENT IT IS AN ENORMOUS RESERVE BUT PERHAPS

NOT AS LARGE AS MOSSADEGHI HOPES.)

3. MOSSADEGHI ADDED THAT HE WAS UNDER DIRECT ORDERS
NOT TO UTILIZE THE SARAKHS GAS RESERVE FOR THE
EXPORT MARKET. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION HE SAID
THAT IT WOULD NOT EVEN BE USED FOR FERTILIZER PLANTS
FOR EXPORT TO THE SOVIET UNION.
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